THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Schemes are discontinued on the basis of Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise. The primary purpose of ZBB exercise is to ensure convergence, efficiency and efficacy of schemes according to Plan objectives and priorities and also the use of available resources in the most judicious and economically efficient manner. Such an exercise is done regularly.

Norms for Infrastructure Projects

3127. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether norms for infrastructure projects being implemented under public-private partnership are being changed to encourage only serious private investors;

(b) if so, whether Government agencies are conducting a project risks assessment that must spell out the probability of the project being completed on time and generating sufficient cash flows to service debt; and

(c) if so, by what time final decision for norms being changed for infrastructure project wouldi>e taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) There is no change in the norms for infrastructure projects being implemented under public-private partnership,

(b) PPP Appraisal Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs examines the project proposal which includes an assessment of risk allocation.

(c) For the time being there are no plans to change the general norms for infrastructure projects.

Funds for Uttar Pradesh

3128. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money that was allocated to Uttar Pradesh in the current Five Year Plan and to fund annual plans for irrigation, power, transport, agriculture and tourism;

(b) the amount of money that has been utilized by the State;

(c) the status of various development works undertaken by the State under the various Central funding schemes; and

(d) in what manner the development profile of Uttar Pradesh compares with other States in.terms of implementation of Central schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The amount of money that was allocated for Uttar Pradesh in the Tenth Five Year Plan and to fund Annual Plans for irrigation, power, transport, agriculture and tourism and the expenditure incurred is given in the Statement-I (See below).

(c) The various Central funding schemes are being monitored by Central Ministries. The amount of money released to the States including Uttar Pradesh on the basis of approved plan, balance available, release of State share and expenditure incurred. Details of amount available and expenditure incurred for2005-06 and 2006-07 (upto February, 2007) (is given in Statement-ll (See below).

(d) The compounded Annual Growth Rate (at 1993-94 prices) achieved during first three years of Tenth Five Year Plan (2001-02—2006-07) for Uttar Pradesh was 5.05% as compared to All India Average of 6.45%.